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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO.

FO2256231

FROM:

ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER

LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO:

KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT:

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:

DEPUTY MATTHEW KERFOOT #

DEPUTY GREGORY RODRIGUEZ #

DEPUTY MARK FARINO #

DEPUTY

MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL

On October 7, 2009, Inmate Larry Berry and Deputy Kerfoot were conversing about the inmate's missing property. Inmate Berry became agitated, aggressive, and started to curse. Deputy Kerfoot attempted to handcuff Inmate Berry in an effort to de-escalate the incident. Inmate Berry immediately took a fighting stance. Fearing the inmate was preparing to punch him, Deputy Kerfoot punched the inmate in the face once and gave verbal commands to stop fighting. The inmate refused all verbal commands.

Deputies Rodriguez, Farino, and Senior Deputy Sanchez responded to Deputy Kerfoot's aid. Deputy Rodriguez wrapped both of his arms around the inmate and push him onto the floor. The inmate immediately tried to get back up. Deputy Rodriguez punched the inmate's face and right rib with his right fist.

Inmate Berry turned toward Deputy Kerfoot and made a fist. Believing he was preparing to punch him, Deputy Kerfoot punched him in the face three to four times with his fist.

Deputy Farino applied one handcuff to Inmate Berry's right wrist but he was unable to handcuff his other. Deputy Rodriguez, fearing the handcuffed hand could be used as a weapon, punched him an additional two times to the face with his right fist.

Inmate Berry attempted to stand up by pushing himself off of the ground with his hands. Although Deputy Farino was holding onto the handcuff he could feel his grip was slipping. Fearing that the inmate was going to gain control of the handcuff and use it as a weapon, he punched him three to four times in the right eye area with his left fist.

Senior Deputy Sanchez ordered the deployment of the taser. Deputy Rodriguez deployed Deputy Kerfoot's taser and dry stunned the inmate's lower back area three times, but the inmate had no reaction to the taser. He continued to push himself up and tuck his hands underneath his chest and kick with his legs.

Senior Deputy Sanchez ordered the application of OC spray. Deputy Kerfoot sprayed the inmate's face with his Freeze Plus P Spray. The spray made the inmate more aggressive and he kicked Deputy in the left leg shin area once. Deputy struck Inmate Berry's legs approximately five times with his flashlight and eventually was able to control them.

Inmate Berry continued struggle during the entire incident. He was eventually handcuffed and was treated for his injuries

On August 26, 2010, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputies Matthew Kerfoot # Gregory Rodriguez # Mark Farino # and # was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:RSP/rsp

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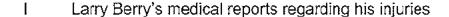
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS

EXHIBITS A THROUGH J

- B Photo disc containing photos of the location
- C CCHRS printout of Suspect Berry's criminal history
- **D** Taser X-26 print out information
- E Video disc depicting photos of Suspect Berry's injuries.
- F Inmate Injury report -under reference number #5100-2009-1017-002
- G The Men's Central Jail EM and Day Shift Assignment Sheet, and daily time cards
- H Letter addressed to Internal Affairs from Witness



J District Attorney Charge Evaluation Worksheet

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

None

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Conv. Unit Commander

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Incident Information URN: 0 0 9 - 0 1 4 7 5 - 5 1 0 0 - 1 4 5 Time: Date: 10/17/09 0830 hrs 441 Bauchet St. LA 90012/ Module 2600 /2800 City or Station: Location: Los Angeles Bureau/Station/Facility: Custody Division/ Mens Central Jail Admin. Investigation: YES 🔲 NO 🛛 Type of Force: Significant Force- Broken Rib Deputy Injury : YES 🔲 NO 🏻 YES X NO Suspect Injury 🔯 Detail Call Observation ☐ Foot Pursuit □ Vehicle Pursuit IAB Notified: YES NO Person Notified: IAB Roll Out: YES NO TI Lt. Brickert Emp: Involved Employee Employee# Last Name First Name Middle Name Kerfoot Matthew Sex: Race: Unit of Assignment: Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Male Male MCJ Female W. Prowler Shift: Height: Weight: Age: Regular Shift OT Shift Off Duty EM Day ΡM 508 160 Coroner Case # Directed Force Admitted Hospital: Injured Treated Significant Force First Name Middle Name Employee# Last Name Rodriguez Gregory Unit of Assignment: Sex: Race: Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): ⊠ Male MCJ Female Н Prowler Shift: Age: Height: Weight: TOT Shift Off Duty Regular Shift EM ΡM Day 6'01" 250 lbs. Coroner Case # Directed Force Admitted Hospital: Injured Treated Significant Force First Name Middle Name Employee # Last Name Farino Mark Sex: Race: Unit of Assignment: Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Male 🔀 MCJ Female W Prowler Shift: Height: Weight: Age: Off Duty Regular Shift OT Shift PM EM Day 509 185 Coroner Case # Directed Force Injured Treated Admitted Significant Force X Hospital: Additional Involved Employees On Duty Supervisor First Name Rank Present Witness to Incident Emp. # .ast Name Middle Name YES INO X NMN YES 🗌 NO 🔯 Dodson Steve Sqt Present Witness to Incident First Name Middle Name Rank Emp<u>.#</u> ast Name YES 🔯 NO 🗀 F. Sanchez Jorge B-1 YES NO Watch Sergeant Middle Name Emp. Last Name First Name Herron Edward Watch Commander Last Name First Name Middle Name Emp. Shannon Thomas Lt. Shannon Watch Commander (Print Name) Watch Commander's Signature: Emp#: Date Rios, Jimmy, J. Supervisor Completing Form: (Print Name) Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #: Emp #: Daniel Cruz - Captain Unit Commander (Print Name) Unit Commander's Signature: Date Emp #: DISCOVERY Use Only Original: Discovery Unit

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(LE) Leg

(NK) Neck

(NO) Nose

(SH) Shoulder (WR) Wrist

(KN) Knees

Internal

(IN)

Method

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion

(CO) Concussion

(DI) Dislocation

(BR) Bruise

(BU) Burn

(DH) Death

(DB) Dog Bite

(FR) Fractures

(GS) Gunshot

(LC) Lacerations

(CP) Complaint of Pain (HB) Human Bite

(AW)	Arwen	(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(BC)	Baton: (Control)	(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(RS)	Resistance
(BI)	Baton: (Impact)	(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(CN)	Canine	(FB)	Flashbang	(HB)	Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(FL)	Flashlight	(TP)	Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(CT)	Control Holds: (Control Techniques)	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle	(SP)	Sap
(TT)	Control Holds: (Team Takedown)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object	(SH)	Shield
(TD)	Control Holds: (Takedown)	(00)	Other Weapon: Other	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(CE)	Chemical	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(ST)	Stun Bag
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)	(TR)	Taser
(EX)	Explosives	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)	(UC)	Uncooperative

(PA) Paralysis

(PW) Puncture Wound

(ST) Sprain/Twists

(UN) Unconscious

(ND) Nerve Damage (RM) Refused Med Treatment

(OD) Organ Damage (NN) NONE

(SD) Soft Tissue Damage

Body Part Injured

(FA) Face

(FE) Feet

(GR) Groin

(HD) Hands

(HE) Head

(FI) Fingers

(GE) Genitals

(AD) Abdomen

(AK) Ankle

(AR) Arm

(BK) Back

(CH) Chest

(EL) Elbow

(BT) Buttocks

FORCE USED	BY	FORCE USED AG	SAINST	Method	Type of	Body Part
Name	E# or S#	Name	(Code)	Injury (Code)	(Code)	
Berry	S#1	Kerfoot	E#1	UC	NN	
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Berry	S#1	Rodriguez	E#2	UC	NN	NN
Rodriguez	E#2	Berry	S#1	TD	NN	NN
Berry	S#1	Rodriguez	E#2	PH	NN	AR
Rodriguez	E#2	Berry	S#1	РH	FR	FA
Berry	S#1		E#3	PK	NN	NN
	E#3	Berry	S#1	FL	NN	LE
Berry	S#1	Farino	E#4	PH	NN	NN
Farino	E#4	Ветгу	S#1	PH	FR	FA
Berry	S#1	Rodriguez	E#2	PH	NN	NN
Rodriguez	E#2	Berry	S#1	PH	FR	. IN
Berry	S#1	Rodriguez	E#2	PH	NN	NN
Rodriguez	E#2	Berry	S#1	TR	NN	NN
Berry	S#1	Kerfoot	E#1	UC	NN	NN
Kerfoot	E#1	Berry	S#1	ОС	NN	NN
	 					
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Additional Witness

INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE USE OF FORCE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CUSTODY

TYPE: Significant Force

I.A.B. File Number: FO2256231

URN: 009-01475-5100-145

DATE / DAY / TIME: October 17, 2009, Saturday, 0830 hours

LOCATION: Men's Central Jail 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

On October 17, 2009, at approximately 0830 hours, Men's Central Jail Deputy Matthew Kerfoot was approached by Inmate Larry Berry who was reporting his property was missing after a cell search was conducted. Deputy Kerfoot walked over to the inmate and started to talk to him. Inmate Berry became agitated, aggressive, and started to curse. For officer safety reasons, Kerfoot ordered Berry to face the wall, in a effort to handcuff him and to de-escalate the incident. Berry refused to face the wall and immediately took a fighting stance. Fearing the inmate was preparing to punch him, Kerfoot punched him in the face once. Kerfoot gave verbal commands to stop fighting, however Berry refused to comply and cease his attack.

Deputies Rodriguez, Farino, and Senior Deputy Sanchez responded to Deputy Kerfoot's aid. Deputy Rodriguez wrapped both of his arms around the inmate and used his weight to push him down onto the floor. The inmate immediately tried to get back up towards Deputy Kerfoot, in an effort to prevent this, Deputy Rodriguez punched the inmate's face three to four times with his right fist. The inmate tried to push him off by clenching his fist and flailing his arms at him. Deputy Rodriguez punched him four times to the right rib area with his right fist. The punches did not have any affect on him.

Inmate Berry turned toward Deputy Kerfoot and made a fist and made eye contact with him. Believing he was preparing to punch him, Deputy Kerfoot punched him in the face three to four times with his fist.

Inmate Berry turned back toward the floor and was on his stomach. Deputy Farino pulled Berry's right arm out and placed it into one of the handcuffs, but he was unable to handcuff Berry's other hand. Deputy Rodriguez, fearing the handcuffed hand could be used as a weapon, punched Berry an additional two times to the face, with his right fist.

Inmate Berry continued to struggle as he attempted to stand up by pushing himself off of the ground with his hands. Deputy Farino was holding onto the handcuff but the inmate was now pulling the handcuff with both of his hands, and Farino could feel his grip was slipping. Fearing that the inmate was going to gain control of the handcuff and use it as a weapon, Farino punched Berry three to four times in the right eye area with his left fist.

Senior Deputy Sanchez ordered the deployment of the taser. Deputy Rodriguez deployed Deputy Kerfoot's taser and dry stunned the inmate's lower back area three times, but the inmate had no reaction to the taser. He continued to push himself up and tuck his hands underneath his chest and kick with his legs.

Senior Deputy Sanchez ordered the application of O.C. spray. Deputy Kerfoot sprayed the inmate's face with his Freeze Plus P Spray. The spray made the inmate more aggressive and he began to kick toward Deputy.

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Deputy attempted to control Inmate Berry's legs. Inmate Berry kicked him in the left leg shin area once. gave Berry multiple verbal commands to stop fighting. Berry did not comply. Deputy struck Berry's legs approximately five times with his flashlight. The strikes allowed enough time to get control of Berry's legs, by grabbing his legs and wrapping them up.

Inmate Berry continued in his attempt to get out of his grasp during the entire incident. He was eventually handcuffed and was treated for his injuries.

Deputy Kerfoot reported the following uses of force: he punched Suspect Berry's face approximately four to five times with his fist, and he sprayed him with his Freeze Plus P Spray.

Deputy Rodriguez reported the following uses of force: a takedown of the inmate, he punched him in the face three to four times with his right fist, he punched him approximately four times to his right rib area with his right fist, he punched him an additional two times to the face, with his right fist, and, when he was directed to deploy the taser, he dry stunned Berry on three occasions on his lower back area.

Deputy Farino reported the following use of force: he punched the suspect's face three to four times with his left fist, he used his knee to force the suspect onto to the ground,

and the force he used to pull the suspect's arms behind his back.

reported the following uses of force: he struck the inmate's legs approximately five times with his flashlight, and control holds to the inmate's legs.

Senior Deputy Sanchez witnessed and directed the deployment of the taser and the application of the Freeze Plus P Spray.

Deputy Diaz witnessed portions of the force incident.

The narrative of this incident is based on information obtained from crime and supplemental reports and interviews of involved employees, witnesses, and the suspect.

The incident and supplementary reports are Exhibit A, the photographs of the location are Exhibit B.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Kerfoot, Matthew, Deputy, Employee # Men's Central Jail MW/ 5'09"/165lbs.

EMPLOYEE'S WORK HISTORY:

Date of Employment: 02-20-2008 Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Rodriguez, Gregory, Deputy Sheriff, Employee # Men's Central Jail MH 6'03"/265lbs.

EMPLOYEE'S WORK HISTORY:

Date of Employment: 04-12-2008

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Farino, Mark, Deputy Sheriff, Employee # Men's Central Jail MW/ 5'11"/185lbs.

EMPLOYEE'S WORK HISTORY:

Date of Employment: 07-05-2006

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Deputy Sheriff, Employee # Men's Central Jail MW/ 5-11"/175lbs.
EMPLOYEE'S WORK HISTORY
Date of Employment: Prior Founded Force Incidents:
INVOLVED SUSPECT (S):
Berry, Larry MB/47, Booking #9163042, DOB: 11-25-61 Booking Charges: 459 P.C. warrant CII: # FBI: #
Involved Suspect Criminal History: Suspect Berry's criminal history
I.A.B. Note: CCHRS printout included in this review, Refer to Exhibit C.
EMPLOYEE WITNESSES:
Sanchez, Jorge, Senior Deputy, Employee #
Diaz, Armando , Deputy, Employee # Men's Central Jail
NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:
(Inmate) MW/20 DOB BKG#
(Inmate) MB/43 DOB
INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:
Deputy Matthew Kerfoot, # was interviewed on October 18, 2009, at approximately 1208 hours, by Sergeant's Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview took place at Men's Central Jail and was digitally recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Kerfoot was assigned to Men's Central Jail on October 17, 2009, at approximately 0830 hours and his job assignment for his shift was the 2600 and 2800 Title 15 Deputy. He was conducting the morning pill call, when he arrived at 2600 "Able Row." He walked into the module to conduct a security check. He was contacted by an inmate, later identified as Suspect Larry Berry, who asked him if he could have a blanket and a bed sheet. He told him yes, but he had to wait, until all the inmates cleared the row. Suspect Berry told him that his property was taken in a search they had conducted earlier in the day. Deputy Kerfoot told him to wait until all the inmates were secured in the hallway with other deputy personnel.

Deputy Kerfoot walked over to Inmate Berry and started to talk to him. The inmate became agitated, aggressive, and he started to cuss at him, stating, "I'm tired of you guys taking my shit. This is fucking bullshit." For officer safety reasons, Kerfoot ordered Berry to face the wall. Kerfoot was planning on placing his handcuffs on Berry to de-escalate the incident. Inmate Berry refused to face the wall and immediately took a fighting stance by placing his leg behind his other leg, and raising up his fists to his stomach area. Fearing the inmate was preparing to punch him, Kerfoot punched the Berry once in the face area with his fist. The suspect bent over, and he (Kerfoot) grabbed on to his arm, so he could place the handcuffs on him. Kerfoot gave Berry verbal commands to "stop fighting, give me your hands." The suspect refused all verbal commands.

Deputy Kerfoot was having trouble getting the suspect down to the floor because Berry had planted his feet. Deputy Rodriguez arrived and assisted by forcing Berry down to the floor. Suspect Berry landed on the floor with his arms underneath his body. Deputy Kerfoot was not able to pull the suspect's arms out. Kerfroot ordered Berry to give him his hands. Berry didn't comply. The suspect turned toward Kerfoot and made a fist and made eye contact with him. Kerfoot believed Berry was preparing to punch him. Kerfoot also noticed Berry's other hand was by his waistband. Kerfoot immediately thought Berry might be reaching for a weapon, because the inmate had not been searched yet. Deputy Kerfoot struck him three to four times in the face with his fist. The suspect turned back toward the floor and was on his stomach. Deputy Farino arrived and pulled Berry's right arm out from behind his back and placed it into one of the handcuffs. He wasn't able to get the other hand out. The suspect was able to turn his body over and he was lying on his back, and he had his fists clenched and was facing them. Berry was trying to pull the handcuff out of Deputy Farino's hands with his other hand.

Deputy Kerfoot believed that if the suspect was able to get the handcuff away from Deputy Farino he would use it as a weapon. Senior Deputy Sanchez ordered Kerfoot to spray the inmate. Kerfoot administered his "Freeze Plus P Spray" to Berry's facial area. The spray made the inmate more aggressive and mad and he began to kick toward Deputy

Using their combined efforts, Kerfoot and Farino were able to roll Berry back on to his stomach, and with the assistance of another deputy, they were able to pull Berry's arm out and he was finally handcuffed.

Deputy Kerfoot learned after the incident that Deputy Rodriguez had deployed his taser. He had heard the announcement that the taser was being deployed but did not witness the deployment, because he was struggling with the suspect.

Deputy Kerfoot didn't make any radio communications because he didn't believe that he had time due to his hands being occupied with the inmate. He did not recall using any other force other than what he reported. He notified Men's Central Jail Sergeant Steve Dodson of the force he used after the incident occurred.

Deputy Kerfoot suffered a sore right hand due to the incident, but he did not seek medical treatment due to the injury.

I.A.B. Note: Refer to Deputy Kerfoot's transcribed copy of his interview and the recorded interview under Job #28002.

Deputy Gregory Rodriguez, # was interviewed on October 20, 2009, at approximately 1100 hours, by Sergeant's Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview took place at Men's Central Jail. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Rodriguez was working on October 17, 2009, at Men's Central Jail as the 2000 Floor Prowl Deputy. He heard sounds of a fight, or a struggle inside the module. He entered the module and saw the suspect was struggling with Deputy Kerfoot. He immediately came to his assistance.

Deputy Rodriguez saw the suspect holding onto Deputy Kerfoot and he (Kerfoot) was trying to gain control of him. He described the suspect's action as leaning into Deputy Kerfoot's chest, grabbing his chest area, and Deputy Kerfoot was trying to get his hands behind his back, and trying to take him down to the ground. He heard the verbal commands," to stop fighting." The suspect did not comply.

Deputy Rodriguez wrapped both of his my arms around Suspect Berry and used his weight to push him down onto the floor. He landed on top of him. The suspect landed on his stomach on the ground. The suspect immediately tried to get back up towards Deputy Kerfoot. He punched the suspect's face three to four times with his right fist.

Deputy Rodriguez saw the suspect continued in his attempt to try and push him (Rodriguez) off by clenching his fist and flailing his arms at him. The suspect

attempted to strike Rodriguez but did not make contact with him. The inmate was able to turn to his left side, and that is when Rodriguez struck him approximately four times to his right rib area with his right fist. The strikes did not have any affect on Berry, because he continued to push at Rodriguez and strike at the deputies. The suspect was on his back and was facing towards Rodriguez and he was trying to get back up by moving and kicking his feet. The inmate did not kick Rodriguez during the incident.

Deputy Rodriguez saw the suspect had a handcuff that was cuffed to his right wrist. Fearing that he would use the handcuff as a weapon, Rodriguez grabbed Berry's right hand with his left hand and punched Berry an additional two times to the face, with his right fist. Berry continued to struggle but the deptuies were able to turn him over onto his stomach.

Deputy Rodriguez stated the suspect attempted to stand up by pushing himself off of the ground with his hands. He heard Senior Deputy Sanchez ordering Deputy Kerfoot to deploy the taser. He saw Deputy Kerfoot was still attempting to restrain the inmate so he grabbed his (Kerfoot's) taser and dry stunned the inmate's lower back area. He believed the first contact with the taser was on the inmate's shirt. The second was on the inmate's skin area, and the third contact back on his jumpsuit shirt. The inmate had no reaction to the taser, and he continued to push himself up and tuck his hands underneath his chest and kick his legs. He was very surprised that the taser had no affect on him. Rodriguez didn't recall how long he pulled the trigger on the taser, or the time intervals during the deployments because it happened so quickly.

Deputy Rodriguez stated with the combined assistance of the other deputies they were able to pull the inmate's hands out from underneath him and handcuff him.

Deputy Rodriguez was not injured during the incident.

I.A.B. Note: Refer to Deputy Rodriguez's transcribed copy of his interview and the recorded interview under Job #27587. Exhibit D is the Taser X-26 print out information regarding the deployment. Men's Central Jail Sergeant David Buckner # provided the taser print out. According to Sergeant Buckner, the taser time clock was not correctly time stamped due to an internal reset.

Deputy Mark Farino, # was interviewed on October 20, 2009, at 1042 hours by Sergeant's Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview took place at Men's Central Jail. The interview was digitally recorded.

Deputy Farino was working Men's Central Jail on October 17, 2009, and he was assigned as the 26-2800 Rec-Room Deputy. At approximately 0830 hours, he was

standing outside of the 2000 floor hallway providing security for pill call, when he saw Deputy rush out of the 2600 security cage and over towards the laundry room. Farino ran over to the area and saw Deputies Rodriguez, Kerfoot, and fighting with an inmate on the floor. The inmate was face down with both of his hands underneath him and he was reaching towards his waistband of his body, and he was kicking towards the deputies. The deputies were trying to hold him down, to gain control of him, but they were struggling to hold him down. Farino heard the deputies giving verbal commands to the inmate to stop fighting and to place his hands behind his back. The inmate did not comply with any of the orders.

Deputy Farino approached the inmate from the left side and placed his knee on the left side of his back to assist in holding him down. The inmate contniued to move around and was trying to throw Farino off his back. The inmate was able push up and make Farino loose his balance and fall off of his back. Farino was able to steady himself at the last second with his hand. Farino grabbed the inmate's right arm with both of his hands and was able to handcuff his right wrist. The inmate pulled his right arm away from his control and proceeded to place his arm under his body, and push off of the floor. The inmate spun to face him, and raised the handcuffed hand and pulled it up towards his chest and pulled it away from him.

Deputy Farino had a hold of the other handcuff but the inmate was holding the handcuff with both of his hands. Farino was giving the inmate verbal commands to stop fighting, but he did not comply. The inmate was attempting to pull the handcuff away from him, and he felt his grip was slipping. Believing the inmate was going to gain control of the handcuff and use it as a weapon, Farino punched him three to four times in the right eye area of his face with his left fist. The punches to his face caused him to loosen up his grip on the handcuff and relax his left arm. Farino was able to pull the inmate's right arm back towards him and spin him back onto his stomach area. The inmate continued to push up and pull the handcuff away from him and he wouldn't place his left hand behind his back because it was still tucked underneath his body. The inmate did not swing the handcuff at him because he didn't give him the opportunity.

Deputy Farino stated he and the other deputies gave the suspect verbal commands to give up his left arm. The suspect did not comply. With assistance from Deputy Kerfoot, they were able to grab his left arm and force it behind his back and place it in the other handcuff. At that time, a sergeant arrived at the scene and the inmate was escorted to the clinic.

Deputy Farino stated the suspect was very strong and approximated his size and weight as to be 6'00" to 6'02" and 220 lbs.

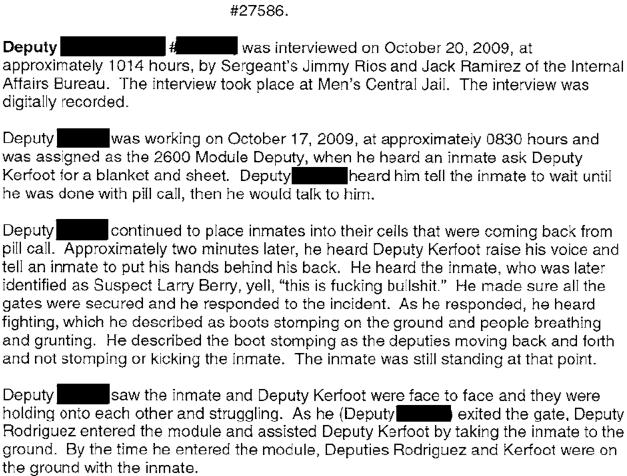
Deputy Farino stated the only force he used on the suspect was the 3-4 punches to his face, using his knee to force the inmate to the ground, and the force he used to pull the inmate's arms behind his back.

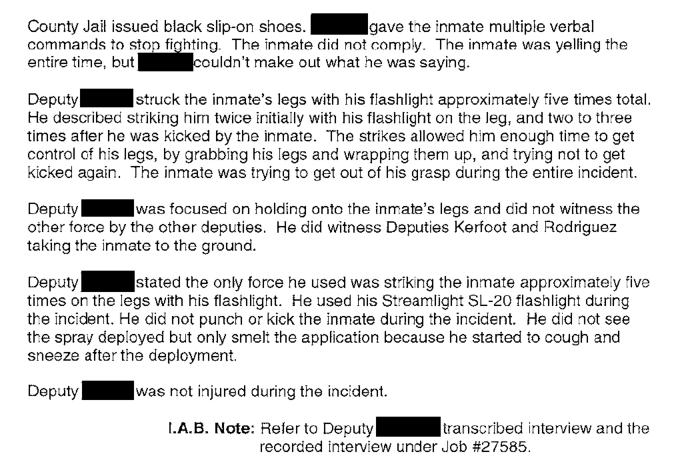
Deputy Farino stated although other deputies were around him he didn't witness the deputies using force because he was focused on handcuffing the inmate because he didn't want the handcuff to be used as a weapon against him and his fellow deputies.

Deputy Farino stated he did not see Deputy striking the inmate with his flashlight. He did hear someone directing the OC spray application but he did not know who it was. He believed the taser was deployed but did not see it deployed.

Deputy Farino was not injured during the incident.

I.A.B. Note: Refer to Deputy Farino's transcribed copy of his interview and the recorded interview under Job #27586.





SUSPECT'S STATEMENTS:

SUSPECT LARRY BERRY BKG# 1887581, was interviewed on October 18, 2009, at 0935 hours. The interview was conducted by Sergeants Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez and Lieutenant Scott Brickert from the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was conducted at LCMC Hospital Jail Ward, and was digitally recorded. The following is a summary of the incident.

Inmate Berry stated on October 18, 2009, at approximately 0830 hours, the deputies were preparing for cell searches. After the cells were searched, Berry went back to his cell and he noticed a bag with his personal property, his County underwear, towels and the bed sheet were missing. He attempted to ask one of the deputies what had become of his property, but he was told to wait a minute, because other inmates were passing by on their way back to their cells. After the inmates passed, the deputy he was speaking to had left also. He contacted a Senior Deputy (he did not recall his name) and told him he did not have a sheet or any "County whites", and his personal property bag was missing. He heard other deputies towards the front of the module, who apparently could hear his complaint, laughing at his predicament.

Inmate Berry stated he was upset because his property was missing and he didn't expect the officers to act like criminals. After hearing the deputies laugh he admitted to cursing at the deputies by saying, "fuck you guys." He walked back to his cell.

Inmate Berry stated approximately 30 minutes later, the row was called out for pill call, so he lined up for his medication. One of the deputies approached and asked who had said, "Fuck you." He identified himself as the person who made the comment. The deputy acknowledged him and he turned and walked away. As he waited for his medication, he saw the same officer standing in front of the officers' booth waiting for him. The deputy directed him over towards the laundry room. The deputy approached him and told him to spread his legs. The deputy started to kick his legs further apart. He alleged the deputy was trying to break his ankles.

IAB Note: Inmate Berry pointed to cuts and abrasions to his legs and ankles. **Exhibit E** is photo disc depicting the injuries.

Inmate Berry stated the deputy searched him again even though he had just been searched in the day room during the cell search. After the search, the deputy told him to stand up and to place his hands in his pockets. The deputy told him to face him, and he saw the deputy who had inquired about the "Fuck you" comment. That deputy told him, "You wanna say fuck you, huh? Say fuck you, right now. Say fuck you, now."

Inmate Berry told the deputy all he wanted was his property back, and he didn't mean anything by the comment. He denied starting the fight. The deputy started punching him in the head, an unknown amount of times. As soon as the deputy started to punch him in the face and head area, he covered his face because he knew he couldn't fight back. He didn't recall how many times he was punched. Other deputies joined in. He didn't recall where the other deputies struck him because he was trying to protect himself.

After a few minutes, he fell to the ground to get in a better defensive position to protect himself. He alleged the deputies kicked him and that is how he suffered the broken right rib. He also complained of pain to his left rib area. He stated he didn't know how many times he was kicked. He alleged the deputies continued to punch him while he was on the ground. He stated he yelled for help during this time.

He didn't remember any names of the deputies who were involved in the incident. He denied swinging or attempting to swing at the deputies.

IAB Note: IAB Sergeant Ramirez observed some bruising and abrasions to Suspect Berry's left hand, the small and index finger. Inmate Berry claimed he received that injury while attempting to protect himself by covering up.

Inmate Berry stated he assumed the deputies sprayed him while he was on the ground, but he did not notice the spray. He later felt his eyes were burning and he could taste the spray in his mouth. Inmate Berry stated he heard one of the deputies say, "apply the taser", but he did not feel the affects of the taser either.

IAB Note: Deputy Rodriguez "dry stunned" Inmate Berry with the X-26 Taser.

Inmate Berry stated he heard somebody say, "all right, all right", and they stopped. He was then handcuffed while he was on the ground. He claimed the incident lasted about four to five minutes. He denied hearing any verbal commands given by the deputies. He stated the deputies may have told him to place his hands behind his back at the end of the incident but denied the deputies gave him that command before he went down to the ground.

Inmate Berry denied pulling his handcuffed hand away from the deputies. He stated once he was handcuffed he placed his hand behind his back and did not struggle. He denied using the handcuff as a weapon against the deputies.

Inmate Berry denied ever resisting, fighting, swinging, or kicking at the deputies. He denied taking an aggressive fighting or boxing stance towards the deputies. He did not recall any flashlight strikes to the legs. He stated he would have felt the difference between the metal flashlight and the deputies hands, or boots. He was certain that he was not struck with a flashlight.

Inmate Berry stated he was familiar with complaint procedure regarding missing property but he did not have faith in the complaint system, based on his prior jail experience.

Inmate Berry indicated his right arm and right elbow had an abrasion from when he was on the ground and possibly received it from a boot. Both of his eyes were swollen and were bleeding. He had small scrapes on the right side to the top of his head. He complained of blood in his left ear, and complained to pain to both his right and left rib area.

Inmate Berry did not know if any inmates witnessed the incident. He did believe a young deputy (possibly Deputy witnessed the incident.

I.A.B. Note: Refer to Inmate Berry's transcribed interview and the digital recorded interview under Job #27573.

DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENTS:

Senior Deputy George Sanchez, # was initially interviewed on October 18, 2009, at approximately 1145 hours, by Sergeant's Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez of FORCE INCIDENT -12- IAB FO#2256231

the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview took place at Men's Central Jail and was digitally recorded. The interview was a corrupted recorded file and was not able to be opened. A secondary interview was conducted on the phone on Friday, April 23, 2010 at approximately 1109 hours.

Deputy Sanchez was assigned as the 2000 Floor Senior on October 17, 2009, at approximately 0830 hours. He was inside the control booth during the morning pill call, when he saw Deputy Gregory Rodriguez rush into a module. He exited the control booth and walked toward the activity and heard the deputies saying, "stop fighting, put your hands behind your back."

When Deputy Sanchez walked into the module, and saw an inmate on the ground, face down with his hands tucked near his waistband. He immediately identified the threat due to his custody experience, that inmates possibly hide weapons in their waistband area. He saw Deputies Kerfoot, Farino and Rodriguez trying to pull the inmate's arms from underneath his body in an attempt to handcuff him. The deputies continued to tell the inmate to stop fighting and to put his hands behind his back. The inmate did not comply with the verbal commands, and was actively trying to fight them and resist their commands. He remembered the inmate was approximately six foot, and 200 pounds and appeared to be very strong and muscular.

Deputy Sanchez saw when Deputy arrived and he was trying to control the inmate's legs. He saw the inmate kicking at Deputy while he was trying to restrain his lower extremities. The other deputies continued to try to pull the inmate's arms from underneath him so they could handcuff him. He did not recall what the inmate was saying, but he could see that he was not complying with the deputies.

Deputy Sanchez saw Deputy Farino handcuff the inmate's right hand but he was unable to handcuff the other hand, which the inmate was using to swing at the deputies. The inmate was trying to pull away the handcuffed hand and he believed the inmate would use the handcuffed arm as a weapon toward the deputies if he was successful in pulling it away.

Deputy Sanchez saw that the deputies actions were not successful in controlling the inmate, so he instructed Deputy Rodriguez to use the taser. Deputy Rodriguez deployed two or three contact shots to the inmate's lower back area, but it didn't seem to affect him at all. The inmate continued to fight and swing his arms around and kick at Deputy The deputies continued to give verbal commands throughout the incident but the inmate did not comply with any of the orders.

Deputy Sanchez saw the inmate was getting more agitated and combative, so he instructed Deputy Kerfoot to spray the inmate with his "Freeze Plus P." Deputy Kerfoot sprayed the inmate's facial area but the spray initially did not have any affect on him. After a few moments, the spray started to take affect and the deputies were able to control both of his arms and handcuff him. The floor sergeant was notified and the

suspect was taken down to the clinic to be treated for his injuries. Deputy Sanchez estimated the incident lasted approximately two to three minutes, possibly a little longer. Deputy Sanchez did not use force but only directed the deputies to deploy the taser and the Freeze Plus P spray. He was not injured during the incident.

Deputy Sanchez did not see any of the deputies kick the inmate during the incident. He did not witness Deputy striking the inmate with his flashlight.

I.A.B. Note: Refer to Senior Deputy Sanchez's transcribed copy of his interview and the recorded interview under Job # 28917.

Deputy Armando Diaz, # was interviewed on the phone on November 4, 2009, at approximately 0948 hours, by Sergeant Jimmy Rios of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Diaz was working on October 17, 2009, at approximately 0830 hours at Men's Central Jail. His work assignment on that date was as a Prowl Movement Deputy for Module 26 and 2800. He was in 2000 hallway, providing security for about 15 inmates while they were receiving pill call. He saw a deputy walking in a hurry. He figured something was going on, but he remained outside to provide inmate security. He ordered all the inmates to lay on the ground and to place their hands behind their backs.

Deputy Diaz saw other deputies entering the module. When other deputies arrived and he had sufficient back-up he was able to go inside the module and see Deputies Kerfoot, Rodriguez, Farino, and involved in a fight with an inmate. He saw the inmate was struggling with the deputies. The inmate was on the floor, face up, attempting to get onto his feet. The inmate had a handcuff on his right hand, but his other hand was not handcuffed. The deputies were trying to handcuff his other hand, and he was attempting to pull the handcuff towards his body, in an attempt to prevent himself from being handcuffed.

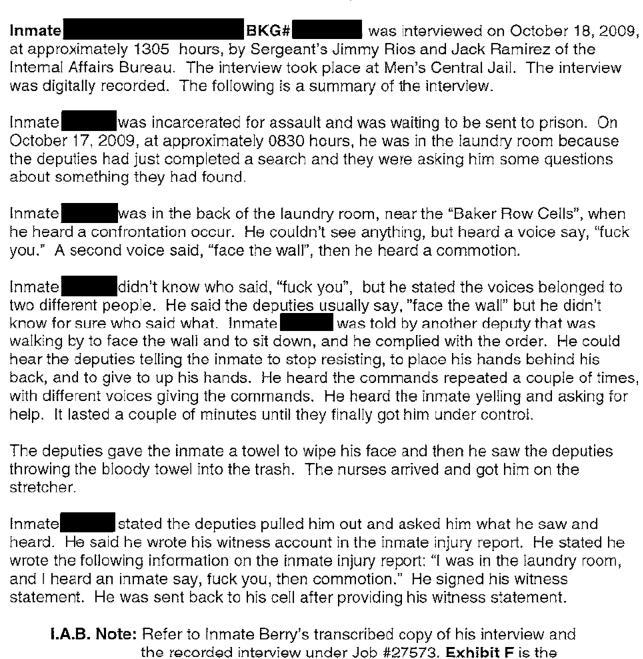
Deputy Diaz heard the deputies tell the inmate to stop fighting, but he was not listening to the verbal commands and he was not cooperative at all. His view was limited because the deputies' backs were facing him, but he saw the inmate on the ground attempting to pull the handcuff away from the deputies.

Deputy Diaz heard Deputy Sanchez giving orders to pepper spray the inmate in the face. After the pepper spray was administered the inmate gave up his hand and he was handcuffed. It appeared to him that the pepper spray was effective.

Deputy Diaz didn't witness if the taser was deployed on the inmate. He didn't see any of the deputies kick the inmate.

I.A.B. Note: Refer to Deputy Diaz's transcribed copy of his interview and the recorded interview under Job #27680.

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENTS:



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2010, at approximately 1051 hours, by Sergeant Jimmy Rios of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded. The following is a summary of the

BKG# was interviewed on the phone on April 28,

inmate injury report.

Inmate

interview.

Mr. stated he was incarcerated at the Men's Central Jail back on October 17, 2009. He had been arrested on July 24, 2009, for possession of Marijuana for sales. He was released from custody on December 3, 2009.
Mr. stated on October 17, 2009, at approximately 0330 hours, deputies conducted cell searches in his housing location, which was the 2800 Baker Row Cells. After the cell searches were completed, one of the inmates approached Deputy Kerfoot and told him that his legal documents were missing. Deputy Kerfoot told the inmate, "Shut the fuck up and return to your cell." The inmate replied back to the deputy, "If I go back into the cell, you need to go back into the cell with me, shut the fuck up." Deputy Kerfoot told the inmate he would see him at "pill call." He stated he was in his cell, cell #3, and the incident was occurring in Cell #6, an estimated distance of less than 24 feet away. He did not witness the incident but only heard the conversation between the inmate and Deputy Kerfoot.
I.A.B. Note: It should be noted Deputy Kerfoot works day shift, and on October 17, 2009, his work shift was from to hours. The Men's Central Jail Day and EM Shift Assignment Sheet and Daily Time Cards are Exhibit G.
Mr. Johnson and Guerrero were asking the inmates if they had made the comment earlier to Deputy Kerfoot. The deputies asked him and he denied making the statement. The deputies contacted the inmate who had the earlier conversation with Deputy Kerfoot (Inmate Berry). He saw Deputy Kerfoot strike the inmate once in the face with his flashlight, and saw the inmate drop to his knees. The strike to the face was the only blow he saw, because he was taken to the laundry room.
I.A.B. Note: It should be noted during Inmate Larry Berry's interview, he denied that any of the deputies struck him with a flashlight during the incident.
Mr. along with other inmates, were sent away from the scene and he didn't see anything else. He only heard, "please, please stop." He alleged the inmate (Berry) was surrounded by 6-8 deputies with flashlights and clubs. He said the inmate never had an opportunity to take a defensive stance. He stated all of the deputies present beat the inmate. After the incident, when he was heading back to his cell and saw the deputies had blood on their gloves, boots, and clothes. He stated the area looked like a "horror movie", due to the blood everywhere.
Sergeant Rios read a portion of a complaint letter that Mr. wrote: "Pill call was called and this inmate was beaten by Deputies Kerfoot, Johnson, and Guerrero. This inmate received two black eyes, two broken jaws, all of his teeth knocked out and three broken ribs. They beat this inmate with flashlights and stomped his face into a cement floor."

saw Deputy Kerfood Johnson and Guern Deputy Guerrero st who had an actual	owledged writing that portion of the letter, but clarified that he only of striking the inmate with his flashlight. He did not witness Deputies rero using force on the inmate. He stated "other" inmates saw tomping on the inmate's face. He stated he talked to other inmates view of the incident. He estimated the "beating" lasted 12 minutes. not know the inmate (Inmate Berry) and denied ever talking with him.					
delayed because h	e a letter a month later describing the incident. The letter was e needed the correct address to send the letter to Internal Affairs and of his own safety because he was still in custody.					
	d another inmate later told him about the injuries (two broken jaws, d all of his teeth were knocked out) the inmate had received.					
I.A.B. Note: I	Refer to transcribed copy of his interview and the recorded interview under Job #28952. Exhibit H is the letter Mr. mailed to Internal Affairs.					
SUSPECT'S INJUI	RIES:					
# He treat fractures, and a na	Suspect Berry was treated by Men's Central Jail Physician Policarpio Enriquez # He treated him for the head and facial injuries which included two orbital fractures, and a nasal fracture. He stated all the injuries to his face and head were consistent with punches to the face.					
treated Larry Berry	also treated by LCMC Physician Gardner # Dr. Gardner 's right rib fracture. He stated the rib fracture was consistent with area. He stated the left rib area was not fractured.					
	Refer to Exhibit I , Larry Berry's medical reports from the injuriers he sustained. Exhibit E is a photo disc depicting Larry Berry's injuries.					
DEPUTY INJURIE	s:					
Deputy Kerfoot cor medical treatment.	mplained of slight soreness to his right hand, but he declined any					
PHYSICAL EVIDE	NCE:					
None						

INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:

IAB Sergeant's Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez and Lieutenant Brickert interviewed the suspect and observed the listed injuries to the suspect.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Personal weapons (Hands), Freeze Plus P Spray, Flashlight, and Taser.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECTS:

Hands and feet.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:

Investigator: Detective Robert Bayes, # JIU

Court: Clara Shortridge Fultz Criminal Courts Building

Charges: 69 P.C., The case was rejected due to Larry Berry being

sentenced to three years in state prison for his original 459 PC

case under case #MA045514.

I.A.B. Note: The DA worksheet has been submitted with the case, Exhibit J.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:

The incident occurred inside the Men's Central Jail Facility.

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